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1. The Bulgarian Trade Mission (handelsverbretung) in Berlin was concerned primarily with trade with Eastern Germany. Members of the Mission participated in negotiations for trade agreements and acted as trouble shooters in those trade transactions where personal contact with the Germans was necessary. 50X1
2. The members of the Mission had no contact, either social or official, with Soviet occupation officials or any other Soviet personnel. this lack of contact was intentional and probably originated with Soviets. The chief of the Bulgarian Legation was the only Bulgarian official in Berlin who had any contact with the Soviets. Once a week, or once every two weeks, all members of the Mission had to attend classes on the history of the Russian Revolution. Russian language classes were begun several months ago but they were not very popular with the members of the Mission. For 1952 stricter attendance will be required. 50X1
3. The Mission consisted of eight Bulgarians, one German who handled Bulgaria's chemical imports from Germany, and four German secretaries. Only a few of the Bulgarians could speak German, and these carried on the bulk of the Mission's work. The other Bulgarian members were simply ballast; they sat all day at their desks studying German. All members were Communists. The following were members of the Mission: 50X1

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POPOV, Atanas, is Chief of the Mission. [redacted]

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PENKOV, (fnu),  
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STATELOV, Entcho is the representative of Metalimport. [redacted]

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ANASTASOV, (fnu), is a representative of Bulgplodexport (fruit exports) but also handles exports of ores, and various miscellaneous items such as eggs. [redacted]

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DINEV, Georgi, handles the export of tobacco. He speaks no German; is a fairly good fellow. [redacted]

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DARVINGOV, Peter, left the Mission in December 1951. He handles all transportation questions. [redacted]

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DENTSCHEV, (fnu), a recent arrival, acts as secretary and general administrative aide for the Mission; he handles finance, cash, rentals and general administration. [redacted]

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KOZEV, (fnu), arrived early in December [redacted]

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4. From the beginning of 1949 until the end of 1950 Stefan Jotoff was Chief of the Mission. Afterwards he returned to Bulgaria where he was appointed head of Raznoiznos. [redacted]

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[redacted] cheese had been shipped by the Bulgarian Government to Berlin in 1948 for sale in Germany and was stored in bunkers leased by the Bulgarian Government. The price set was too high to enable the Mission to sell it, and the Bulgarian Government would not lower the price. As a result, the cheese remained in storage for so long that it spoiled, and Jotoff, as Chief of the Mission during that period, was held accountable [redacted]

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5. Transportation for the Mission was furnished by two automobiles.

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